THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a): Yes, Sir.

(b) Responsibility has been fixed for this irregularity.

(c) Staff found guilty is being taken up under Railways' Disciplinary and Appeal Rules.

Railways Sports Promotion Board

3485. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to form Railway Sports Promotion Board;

(b) if so, the details and the sailent features thereof; and

(c) the way by which the Indian railway will contribute in the promotion of sports sportsmen of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) The existing Railway Sports Control Board is being renamed as Railway Sports Promotion Board.

(b) the existing features will to a large extent remain unchanged.

(c) the Indian Railway contribute towards promotion of sports in the country by recruiting outstanding sportspersons, giving them a congenial environment for participation in various National and International events, recognizing outstanding performance etc.

Railway land under encroachment

3486. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 2,500 hectares of railway land is under encroachment at present;

(b) if so, names of places under encroachment, division wise as on 30th June, 1998;

(c) whether Government propose to get this vacated from encroachers to enable the Railways to provide more facilities to the passengers; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Division-wise break up of encroachments on railway land is given as under:

Division	Area under encroachment (in hectares)
Mumbai	35
Bhusawal	7
Nagpur	2
Jabalpur	1
Solapur	3
Jhansi	14
Bhopal	2
Allahabad	12
Bikaner	27
Delhi	440
Firozpur	202
Jodhpur	10
Lucknow	13
Moradabad	191
Ambala	5
Alipurduar	133
Tinsukia	17
Katihar	19
Lumding	86
Maligaon	49
Secunderabad	2
Hyderabad	40
Vijayawada	33
Guntakal	4
Hubli	5
Mumabi	9
Vadodara	3
Ratlam	14
Kota	3
Ajmer	6
Jaipur	3

Division	Area under encroachment (in hectares)
Rajkot	40
Bhavnagar	29
Sealdah	19
Howrah	17
Asansol	2
Dhanbad	13
Mughalsarai	2
Malda	3
Danapur	29
Izzatnagar	103
Lucknow	1
Varanasi	8
Sonpur	1
Samastipur	2
Madras	51
Palghat	1
Trivandrum	7
Bangalore	2
Mysore	4
Tiruchchirappalli	17
Madhurai	1
Adra	45
Bilaspur	6
Chakradharpur	73
Khurda Road	540
Kharagpur	27
Nagpur	4
Sambalpur	11
Vishakhapatnam	9

(c) to (d) Vacant land is kept reserved for Railway's future development/ Expansion work. To get the land vacated from encroachers action is taken under Public premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971.

सिरसा एक्सप्रेस से ए०सी० टू-टीयर स्लीपर को हटाया जाना

3487. **श्री रामजीलाल:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:—

(क) क्या नई दिल्ली से चलने वाली सिरसा एक्सप्रेस से ए०सी० टू-टीयर स्लीपर हटा दिया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या सरकार को यह भी जानकारी है कि प्रथम श्रेणी कोचों में अधिकांशतः बिना टिकट यात्री होते हैं तथा उनमें बहुत अधिक भीड़ रहती है;

(घ) क्या सरकार का विचार सांसदों तथा उच्च श्रेणी का किराया खर्च कर यात्रा करने वाले यात्रियों के लिए ए०सी० टू-टीयर स्लीपर या ए०सी० चेयर कार पुनः शुरू करने का है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम नाईक): (क) जी हां।

(ख) कम उपयोग किए जाने के कारण।

(ग) प्रथम श्रेणी के सवारी डिब्बों में कोई अनधिकृत व्यक्ति प्रवेश न करे, यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए इन सवारी डिब्बों में रेलवे कर्मचारी तैनात किए जाते हैं। बिना टिकट / अनुपयुक्त टिकट पर यात्रा करते हुए पाए गए व्यक्तियों पर रेल अधिनियम, 1989 के उपबंधों के अंतर्गत कार्रवाई की जाती है।

(घ) और (ङ) जी नहीं। कम उपयोग किए जाने के कारण, द्वितीय वातानुकूल शयनयान की बहाली औचित्यपूर्ण नहीं है तथा भार सीमा के कारण वातानुकूल कुर्सीयान की व्यवस्था करना परिचालनिक रूप से व्यवहारिक नहीं है।

Posts lying Vacant in Railways

3488. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether nearly 1.2 lakh posts are lying vacant in Railways for the last so many years;

(b) if so, the reasons for which these have not been filled up; and

(c) whether Government propose to abolish these posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) As on 31.3.1998 nearly 1.22 lakh posts were vacant on the zonal railways. This however, does not mean that the same 1.22 lakh posts are lying vacant for the last several years.